- What was / has been your occupation before entering politics?
   Environmental lawyer, President and CEO of the National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy.
- 2. Do you live in the riding and, if so, how long has it been your home?Yes, I am a life-long resident of Ottawa South, born and raised here.My wife and I raised our four children in this Riding.
- 3. What has been your main involvement with your community outside of work (volunteer activities, etc.)?

I'm currently involved with our local Community Associations, Scouts,
Girl Guides, Community Houses, schools and many local charities such
as the Heron Emergency Food Centre.

4. In your life what event, or book, or speech, or song or even TV show has made the biggest impression on you and your political thinking? Why?

Natural Capitalism by Amory Lovins. It's a profound re-examination of the economy and environment interface, pointing humanity in the direction of understanding that nature is a form of capital that must be measured and accounted for, that we must proceed to re-invest in that capital in order to ensure that the eco-services provided by nature remain sustainable and allow for the full functioning of an economy.

## 5. What previous politician, (alive or dead, but not currently in parliament) is a role model for you?

My late father, Dalton McGuinty Sr., former MPP for Ottawa South. He and my mother, both from modest beginnings, raised 10 children while teaching them the value of honesty, integrity and hard work. As professor and nurse respectively, they taught me the importance of making a contribution to the well-being of our community, reminding us always that a country is a never-ending work in progress. One of his foundational beliefs was that there is no more important investment any society can make, than in learning.

## 6. What policy in your party's platform do you think matters most to the people in your riding?

What matters most is that nobody gets left behind. This includes giving Canadian families an extra \$1,500 every year, by cutting taxes for the middle class and lowering cell phone bills by 25 per cent, boosting the Canada Child Benefit by 15 per cent for children under the age of one, increasing Old Age Security by an extra ten per cent at age 75, boosting the Canada Pension Plan survivor's benefit by 25 per cent, and, helping up to 250,000 more public school kids get a spot in before and after-school programs and nearly double federal spending on child care.

7. Recent polls suggest many Canadians are disillusioned with politics. If elected, what would you do to address those concerns?

I believe that it is critical for Canadians to have trust and confidence in their elected representatives and their democratic institutions, in all political parties and on all sides of the House of Commons. That is a challenge that I want to continue to address on behalf of Canadians, improving the tone of debate and fostering non-partisan co-operation.